



The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts

The Tolland Tattler

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPDEN, SS.

To the Constable of the TOWN OF TOLLAND in the County of Hampden, GREETINGS
IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections to meet at the TOWN HALL in said TOLLAND on SATURDAY the tenth (10) day of APRIL next at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the following purpose:

TO VOTE BY BALLOT FOR THE FOLLOWING TOWN OFFICERS:

- ONE SELECTMAN FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS
- ONE SELECTMAN FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR
- ONE TREASURER FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS
- ONE TAX COLLECTOR FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS
- ONE TOWN CLERK FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS
- ONE ASSESSOR FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS
- ONE PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS
- ONE PLANNING BOARD MEMBER FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS
- ONE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER - THREE YEARS
- ONE LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS

TO VOTE BY BALLOT FOR THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

QUESTION 1. Shall the town pay one-half the premium costs payable by a retired employee for group life insurance and for group general, or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance?

SATURDAY APRIL 10, 2004
POLLS OPEN AT 3:00pm
POLLS WILL CLOSE AT 7:00pm

Please get out and vote

Building and Zoning Enforcement Department Town of Tolland

Dear Property Owner,

The Tolland Board of Selectmen has asked me, as the Zoning Enforcement Officer, to notify property owners that if they have sheds or other out buildings on their property, they must be in compliance with the requirements of the Town Zoning By-laws.

If you have a shed or other out building that may not be in compliance with the Zoning By-laws, such buildings require permission from the Tolland Planning Board. This permission must be sought from the Planning Board as soon as possible. All buildings must meet the Zoning set backs which are: 50' from the road, and 25' from side and back property lines.

Please follow these steps to achieve compliance:

1. Go to the next Planning Board meeting April 19, 2004 with a plot plan showing your property lines and the location of buildings including the ones in question. Indicate the distance from the buildings to the property lines.
2. If you do not have the proper distance, you have two choices:
 - Remove the building
 - File with the Town Zoning Board of Appeals after being rejected by the Planning Board.
 - If your building has more than 120 sq. feet you also need a Building Permit which can be picked up at the Town Hall.

This matter needs to be taken care of in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please call:

Eric Munson Jr., or a member of the Board of Selectmen, or any member of the Planning Board at the Tolland Town Hall (258-4794) and leave a message.

Building Inspector / Zoning Enforcement Officer, E.R. Munson, Jr.

TOLLAND TOWN HALL - CITIZEN'S CAUCUS / MARCH 1, 2004

OFFICE	NOMINATIONS	No. of Votes
• Caucus Chairman	Linda D. Carr	Unanimous
• Caucus Secretary	Susan H. Voudren	Unanimous
• Selectman - 3 years	Lester Walker	13
	Eric R. Munson, Jr.	18
• Selectman - 1 year	James W. Deming	24
	David Barney	12
• Treasurer - 3 years	Margaret A. McClellan	Unanimous
• Tax Collector - 3 years	Margaret A. McClellan	Unanimous
• Town Clerk - 3 years	Susan H. Voudren	Unanimous
• Assessor for 3 years	Susan S. Moore	Unanimous
• Planning Board - 5 years	Gertrude T. McKay	Unanimous
• Planning Board - 4 years	Jason M. Smith	Unanimous
• Regional School - 3 years	Theodore F. Locke III	Unanimous
• Library Trustee - 3 years	Penelope H. Babbitt	Unanimous

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY - 3/2/2004 Tolland Results - 41 Registered Voters

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Candidates for President	No. of Votes
George W. Bush	18
No preference	<u>2</u> <i>total 20</i>
Candidates for State Committee Man	
Ward B. Carlstrom	10
Kevin A. Jourdain	<u>10</u> <i>total 20</i>

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Candidates for President	
Howard Dean	1
John Edwards	3
Dennis J. Kucinich	2
John F. Kerry	<u>15</u> <i>total 21</i>
Candidates for State Committee Woman	
Norma J. Hill	13
Dori L. Dean	6
Blank	<u>2</u> <i>total 21</i>

www.tolland-ma.gov is online!

Tolland now has its own website to provide resources and information to citizens and visitors. Go online and check it out. You can do the following....

- View Public Notices and News about breaking news, Town Meetings, events like Black Fly Day and time-sensitive issues like deadlines for voter registration, Candidates for Public Office in the Town elections, Open Burn Permit availability, etc. You can sign up to get free email notification so you'll know when something new has been posted
- Sign up for free email subscriptions to the Tattler, Notices and News, various department meeting minutes, etc. Click on the email subscriber button
- Get information for each Town Department, Board and Committee including contact information, hours, responsibilities and related forms, internet links and important information. Click on any blue name to directly create an email! We're developing information about important processes like getting Planning Board approval, registering to vote, etc. You'll find frequently asked questions and useful information on each page.
- Get data. Demographic data about our town in About Tolland. Property Listing information on the Town Clerk page. Budget information on the Finance Advisory Committee page and Tax rate information on the Tax Collector page. Soon we'll have the Grand List online (waiting for new State software) and you'll have the ability to look up individual property sheets. That software is on the way.
- View maps including zoning maps, wetlands maps, etc. The Massachusetts Geographic Information System links are great for exploring. Some maps are being reduced and scanned, so more will be coming.
- Link to the local weather and Mapquest for maps and directions.
- View an integrated Town Calendar that shows all scheduled town and committee meetings and events. View a consolidated list of office hours.
- Go directly to useful links for Berkshire cultural events, sites of interest, hospitals, local services, etc. Just put your mouse over the useful links menu and follow the sub-menus to your point of interest.
- Download forms in Word or pdf format using the free Acrobat reader software available from the bottom left of each page. Forms are in various places including
 - Departments (like the Assessor, Town Clerk and Building Department).
 - Citizen tasks where forms directly related to your goal like getting an absentee ballot are easily accessible from the task menu

We're trying to link to Mass. sites so the forms you get are the most current. We're revising some of the forms as we make the Tolland-specific forms digital, so be a little patient.

- Obtain Granville-Tolland School Information including links to school pages, calendars, etc.
- Provide ideas on what you'd like to see on the site - and send automated feedback about errors, typos, bad links. There will always be room for improvement.

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www.tolland-ma.gov is online, continued

How was the website developed and funded?

Funding: Initial funding for the website development and first 18 months of operation is through the generous personal contributions of the following:

Roy and Jean Jinks
Gloria and Bob Gery
The Tunxis Club
Wildwood Property Associations

Over time, the funding will become part of the Town budget due to offsets in mailing and publishing costs for the Tolland Tattler as people request online notification only, Assessor expenses, etc.

Development: Virtual Town Hall is our website company. They have a forms-based development tool that we have used and they will be hosting the site. They have been incredible to work with: responsive and fast. We allow them thanks.

Each Department Head and Board and Committee Chair has worked with webdirector, Gloria Gery, who has developed the site content. Lots had to be pulled together... and there's more to do. But we've made a huge amount of progress. As you would expect, many forms and documents had to be put in digital form. We still have to figure out how to get all the meeting minutes in digital form since not every committee creates electronic meeting minutes, but we've made a huge leap forward. Thanks to everyone who was involved in this!

Come online to www.tolland.gov

Tolland Volunteer Fire Department

To the Selectmen,

I am pleased to inform you that the Tolland Fire Department has been awarded grant monies from the US Fire Administration. The amount awarded is \$40,050. The Tolland Volunteer Fire Department agreed to match \$4,450 and paid a grant writer \$1,500 because there was no way to predict whether or not the grant would be awarded, and the matching monies had to be available at the time the grant was written. The Tolland Volunteer Fire Department would like to be reimbursed by the town for those monies, and suggest that the town take some action to set aside some amount of money in the town budget for matching grants if they become available in the future.

This grant was written almost a year ago by Terri Walker and the Chief. The grant was specifically written to improve and bring up to current standards all of the equipment that protects each firefighter when she/he enters a fire. The department will replace the remainder of our air packs, purchase an air compressor and new cascade system (which is used to fill the airpacks), purchase 4 sets of turnout gear, and purchase a personnel accountability system.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Walker for her efforts in writing and administering this grant. I would also like to thank the selectmen and the citizens of the town for their continued support of our organization

Respectfully submitted, Mark Bredenfoerder, Fire Chief

The Veterans' Corner

For some time I have been asking for donations for our troop who are coming home to Walter Reed and Bethesda hospital facilities. Well, I would like to share with you an e-mail we received from this offices contact at the hospital. This e-mail is from LCDR Davis. "THANK YOU SO MUCH for the generous gifts you shipped to me for recovering troops at the Walter Reed and Bethesda hospital facilities! The boxes you shipped to me were extraordinarily well-received, and the timing turned to be perfect!! I send a special "Thanks "for the generosity of the citizens like you and your shipmates, neighbors, students and your 4 towns.

Timing is everything, sadly, here at Bethesda we had been gearing up for a resurgence of casualties, now that the Marines are again deploying. I delivered boxes to the Marine office for distribution, and they were VERY grateful for the thoughtful nature of the clothing and gift items. At the time I was told that they were suddenly expecting 27 casualties back from Iraq that evening, and the clothing was a most needed item. When they opened your boxes, though-WOW! Absolutely everything you packed is in demand. The volunteers were already in the process of creating "Welcome" bags for the new arrivals, most who come with NOTHING, not even with a change of socks or BVD's. The thoughtfulness of including some female items was particularly appreciated, because the wounded women are grateful to receive nice things that fit and are feminine, too.

Once the troops are ambulatory, if they must stay for additional medical care (many, many must esp. the amputees--Walter Reed handles all the amputees for ALL the services), they are released to the Malone House on post. The folks were planning a big Super Bowl party for these medical hold troops. Your donated snacks,---sausage, crackers, popcorn, etc, etc.-- are an answer to the volunteers' prayers to help make the party special, because they are GIFTS FROM VETS, and families of vets, sent with love and donated with humility. The cards & stamps are apparently a favorite among the women, more so than the men, and the phone cards and cameras are a hit with EVERYONE. Dignitaries come and visit and the camera snapshots are tacked up besides the bedsides. The phone cards keep the troops connected to their loved ones, and even their units— they really miss those they left behind.

There was a soldier from Texas who I gave from your boxes sweats and socks. The temperatures here rival what I'd expect in Mass. This time of year— and I know you're in a deep freeze there. He really, really appreciated the warm and comfortable gear, though. THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL YOU HAVE GIVEN. You need to see the smiles on the faces of the soldiers, sailors airmen and marines, your generosity brings a little happiness to those who have suffered the scars of war. Thank You....".

I also received an e-mail from one of our deployed Agawam soldiers , in Iraq. About a month ago I sent a case of candy to him and his group. They finally got it. They were thrilled! By the way I want to acknowledge that the candy was donated by our neighbors at Six Flags. The candy was a "Home Run"! The guys and gals eat some and gave the rest to the children of Iraq. Thank you Six Flags and especially Ms. Debbi Stuart, General Sales Manager.

This office will be working with Six Flags in the near future, for our 2nd annual Flag Day event. It is possible that Lee Greenwood will join us again this year. Please do not forget that we have a "BOARD OF HONOR" at the Agawam Town Hall. Please post a picture of our Agawam military people who are deployed. We are proud of all of them.

There a number of things that are ongoing, and things that will be happening soon.... • Purlpe Heart Recognition for Agawam, Southwick, Granville and Tolland, date to be announced. If you have a Purple Heart and it is on your DD-214 bring me a copy so I can add you to my list. You must be a resident of one of the 4 towns. • Street Of Flags: Work detail, to retire old worn flags and replace with new. This will happen with warmer weather . • Marking Graves with flags prair to Memorial Day. Need help • Memorial Day Event (Planning Stages) always looking for help with that event. • Flag Day Event: Spring event, need volenteers. This will be a big event at Six Flags.

I will continue to collect items for our injured troops as long as we are in Iraq our military is in harms way. Please think of those who bare the scars of war. Thank You....God Bless America. ED KELLOG

The annual Tolland Rabies and licensing clinic will be on Saturday April 24, 2004 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Tolland Fire Department. This is a good time to get your dogs and cats vaccinated the price will be \$10 per animal. If you have had your dog vaccinated in the past please bring the latest paperwork with you. Your dog might be eligible for the shot that lasts for three years.

Susan Voudren, Town Clerk
Joanne Duval, Animal Control

Town of Tolland, MA
Expires May 1, 2005

Tag No.: _____

Issued to: _____ Phone No. _____

Street Address: _____

Name of Dog: _____

Breed: _____ Color: _____ Wgt: _____ Age: _____

Rabies Vaccine Expiration Date: / /

Copy of Rabies Certification required.
Proof of Spaying or Neutering required.

Spayed Female - \$5.00 unspayed Female - \$11.00
Neutered Male - \$5.00 unneutered Male - \$11.00
Kennel Licenses: (4-10 dogs) - \$25.00 (More than 10) - \$50.00

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Tolland Public Library

New Books at the library:

- The Cat Who Talked Turkey by Lillian Jackson Braun
- The Lady and the Unicorn by Tracy Chevalier
- Flyboys by James Bradley

New Movies

- The Italian Job
- Bruce Almighty
- Seabiscuit

I am honored to announce that the Tolland Public Library has been named as beneficiary of a memorial fund recently set up to honor Albert L. Simonds. Al was the father of Todd Simonds, house manager of the Tunxis Club. Al frequented the library and was a welcome visitor and patron. The fund will be used to fill out our large print collection. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund should send checks made payable to the Albert L. Simonds Memorial Library Fund to Todd Simonds, 945 Clubhouse Road, Tolland, MA 01034.

The following is a new sign you will see posted at the Tolland Public Library. It is an effort on the part of the staff and trustees to make the Use Policy very clear.

PARENTAL GUIDANCE POLICY

Article V: A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.

From the ALA Library Bill of Rights
www.ala.org

WHAT THAT MEANS: Anyone of any age can check out any item from any library. It is the parents' responsibility to guide their children. Please see the Library Director with any questions.

Hope you will find some time to stop in and get a good read or movie. We all need something to do while the sap boils.....

Congratulations...

- Logan Joseph Hansen, born on November 11, 1903, and weighing in at 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and 22 inches long.
Parents: Donald and Lisa (Kasiski) Hansen, Rivers Road.
- It's a girl! Emily Jade Buchter, born on February 27, 2004.
Parents: Tom & Allison Butcher, 6 Upper Otter, Wildwood.
Born at Waterbury Hospital at 8 pounds 2 ounces and 21 3/4 inches .
Grandparents: Alex & Carol Budeinski of Bethany, CT,
Warren & Cinda Buchter, Bethany CT, and Joyce Young, Prospect, CT.



to the Editor

Letters to the editor should be typed, signed, and received by the 20th of the month deadline for insertion in the following months newsletter..

Dear Registered Voters:

I would like to ask for your support at our Town Elections on April 10, 2004 at the Town Hall from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

As most of you know, I served the Town as a Selectman for 29 years -- seeing the Town through a variety of economic conditions, continuing growth, and all the issues that come with growth and changing times. This past year, as I did not serve as a selectman, I have been active on the By-Law Review Committee. I also have continued in my position as the Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer for the town.

I feel that I could bring three more years of sincere commitment to the position and therefore have accepted nomination to the office of selectman. I bring experience, a willingness to listen and skill in bringing various parties together to reach solutions in a timely manner. I would continue to foster good communications with Department Heads, townspeople and town employees. I would fully expect to work cooperatively with the other two selectmen to serve the needs of all the people of Tolland.

Again, please vote on April 10 and I would ask for the opportunity to serve the Town of Tolland again as a selectman.

Sincerely, Eric R. Munson, Jr.

Voters of Tolland:

I am a lifelong resident of Tolland.

I am currently serving my sixth year on the Planning Board and second year as Town Moderator.

My wife MaryAnn and I are proud to be raising our three children in this community.

I am a candidate for Selectman and look forward to serving the Town of Tolland in this capacity.

I ask for your support and vote on Election Day, Saturday, April 10, 2004.

Sincerely, Jim Deming

Letters to the Editor, continued

Dear Citizens of Tolland,

My name is Jim Grochmal. I live on Clubhouse Road. I reside there with my lovely wife Debbie and my spirited little boy of four years, Jonathan. You know our first amendment right is a great one and in the spirit of the first amendment, here I go. With town elections coming up, some things have come to mind that I would like to share with you. First, when we decide who to elect to any of the various positions, we should ask ourselves, what is the person's motivation to have such an office? Do they view such a responsibility as an opportunity to reach out to their fellow citizens in whatever way they can for the purpose of doing good? Do they find happiness in life by giving? In other words, does the candidate that you support want elected office for the purpose of serving or do they want it for the power it brings to construct or maintain a network of friends whereby opportunities and special interests prevail. Town government should be diverse and free from nepotism or structured in such a way that the perception of a conflict of interests never occurs. In this way everyone's voice is heard without bias and the private citizen is represented fairly. We as a town can embrace a system where a diverse town government, representing the needs of all townspeople prevails. When a candidate claims to have made significant contributions to our well being, ask them for proof. Where one speaks or makes negative allegations about another, ask them for proof. Negative campaigning is always a lame attempt to divert attention from ones own fallibility by making someone else look worse. This is the sad state of human affairs at times. Once again, hearsay without corroborating facts is unfounded. How about town finance matters or taxes? Ask them for proof. When was the last time this town had an official audit? The hard working tax paying citizens of Tolland deserve accountability and it is for this reason alone, we need change. The idea of term limits makes sense to me. An elected selectman should only be able to serve two terms. In this way, all powerful political bases can be avoided and the private citizen is more diversely represented. This policy favors no one but ensures that networks and special interests do not get in the way of honest leadership. Being in an elected office should reward the individual only with the satisfaction of having had the privilege to benefit the community. A person of good character looks for no reward beyond this. I look forward to a town government in Tolland where the concerns of every citizen are met with an interested ear and where every need or problem is addressed promptly and politely by those in elected office. An elected official should be assessable and return citizens phone calls promptly and when necessary in writing. I believe very strongly, that it is better to stand for these principles than to sit down in safety. There is no doubt that some will not agree with the text of this letter but I wish nothing more than to reinforce the concepts of high and honest principles back into our political structure. Throughout history we've seen many countries around the world where the same leadership stays in power for decades. Eventually freedom is lost in this way and the populace becomes estranged from the leadership. Once again, term limits would create a democracy in Tolland that is flexible and represents the changing needs of the town. I believe what Tolland needs is fresh perspectives and new people with innovative ideas. I have no motive or malice toward our leaders of the past; they have not wronged me in any way. It is however because of the political principles I write about that I must endorse and ask you to vote for Lester Walker. Lester is a fair minded man and one who I know will refuse to go negative in his campaign. His special interest is to serve every citizen of Tolland with dignity and accountability. He represents the kind of fresh and new leadership this town needs. Please consider my heartfelt thoughts and do what you feel is best for this town. Most of all please vote. The future of our town depends upon this sacred right. Everyone take care and God bless.

Tolland Council on Aging

Tolland Seniors Invited to Granville Hearing Screenings May 17

Tolland seniors are invited to participate in the Clarke School for the Deaf hearing screenings being offered at the Granville COA Mini-Health Fair on Monday, May 17, 2004 at the Granville Town Hall. Clarke School Audiologists will conduct the hearing tests and counsel participants on the results. There are limited slots available so please call Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095 as soon as possible to schedule an appointment.

Tolland COA Sponsors Elder Law Education Program June 3

The Tolland COA is holding an Elder Law Education Program on Thursday, June 3, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tolland Town Hall. This event is sponsored by the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Mass. Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Both Tolland and Granville seniors and the public are invited.

The program entitled "Elder Law Essentials" will answer the following questions:

Who needs a will?

What is a living trust?

Who needs a durable power of attorney?

What is a health care proxy?

What is a life support statement?

There will also be a question and answer period. This is a chance for seniors to learn more about these important life documents and to meet and speak to a local elder law attorney. For more information, call Gert McKay, Tolland COA Chairperson, at 258-3336.

Tolland COA Holds Mini-Health Fair on June 14

The Tolland COA is holding its annual Mini-Health Fair on Monday, June 14, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. 12 noon at the Tolland Town Hall.

Foot Nurse, Joan Angelo, will provide foot evaluation services. Please call Gert McKay at 258-3336 to schedule an appointment as soon as possible as we have only 10 slots available. A home visit for housebound seniors may possibly be arranged as well.

Noble Hospital Laboratory will conduct Blood Sugar and Blood Cholesterol screenings from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Test results will be mailed to individuals' homes a few days after the fair. Fasting is not necessary.

SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) Counselor, Marilyn Riddle, will also be available to answer individual senior's questions about health insurance and needs. Lee Visiting Nurses Association will take blood pressure readings for seniors at the health fair.

Brown Bag Program applications will be available at the fair and also a demonstration bag of the staple groceries that are provided in the Brown Bag every month for participants. Seniors within the following income guidelines are eligible for

Single person--\$1,384/month

Two persons--\$1,868/month

Three persons--\$2,352/month

Persons already receiving Food Stamps, AFTC, Fuel Assistance, WICK, Veterans Aid, SSI, or Medicaid are automatically eligible for the program. Applicants to the Brown Bag Program self-certify their income and do not need to send documents. Completed applications are mailed directly to The Food Bank of Western Mass. that administers this program. The COA hopes to deliver bags to any seniors who become members of the program.

COA Is Available for Information & Referral

Gert McKay, Chairperson of the Tolland Council on Aging, invites Tolland seniors to call the COA with questions about services and programs and for transportation to doctors and shopping if needed. Her number is 258-3336.

Dear Fellow Citizens of Granville & Tolland;

On behalf of all the volunteers of the Granville-Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation, we wish to thank you for your donations in 2003. We also thought you might like to know how your contributions are being put to use.

Our collective efforts in 2003 furthered our non-profit Foundation's mission of offering scholarships to college-bound students from our two communities. The scholarships were awarded based upon financial need and academic performance. Each student's scholarship may be renewed, year to year, providing that the recipient reapplies by the May 1st deadline and remains in good academic standing as a full-time student at an undergraduate institution.

Total income in '03 from donations, fund-raising projects, and investment income was \$10,149.00. Thanks to the generous support from about 200 households and businesses, we have been able to award \$10,404.00 in financial aid to 22 students for the '03-'04 academic year.

Our year ended on an especially encouraging note. In December, the Foundation's endowment received \$5,000.00 from an anonymous donor. In his (or her) letter, the donor stated: "To maintain and strengthen our democracy, I believe it is important that every community in the nation invest in our young people's pursuit of higher education. Towards that end I wanted to offer this contribution to support our youth and to encourage you in your ongoing and valuable community service." The Foundation's volunteers are most grateful for this generous support and vote of confidence.

The Foundation's endowment now stands at \$49,500.00. The Endowment Committee, chaired by Ernie Hodur, oversees its management in consultation with a professional investment advisor. The yearly income from the endowment is used along with our annual fund raisers to provide the scholarships we offer. In the coming 3-5 years we both need to, and plan to, build up the endowment to the \$80,000 - \$100,000 level. The number of qualified scholarship recipients has doubled in the last 10 years. This fact, coupled with the rising costs of higher education, makes it essential that the Foundation strengthen its financial base. We look forward to meeting this challenge. An endowment campaign planning committee will begin working in the coming months. Call if you'd like to volunteer. We hope that many of you will choose to help us reach our ambitious endowment goal.

Thank you, again, for your continuing support and trust. If you have a suggestion, a question, or if you would like to volunteer your time, then please contact us by calling Nina Stromgren at 357-6153 or John Meiklejohn at 357-6342.

Sincerely,

Nina Stromgren,
President

John Meiklejohn,
Treasurer

The Granville-Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation

February 7, 2004 – The Granville-Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation (GTCSF) recently received a \$5,000 donation to its endowment. The anonymous donor stated in his (or her) letter: "To maintain and strengthen our democracy, I believe it is important that every community in the nation invest in our young people's pursuit of higher education. Towards that end, I wanted to offer this contribution to support our youth and to encourage you in your ongoing and valuable community service." The Foundation is grateful for this generous support and vote of confidence.

For 30 years the non-profit Granville-Tolland Citizens' Scholarship Foundation has pursued its mission of offering scholarships to college students who are residents of Granville or Tolland. The scholarships are awarded based upon financial need and academic performance.

In 2003, thanks to the support of over 200 households and businesses, the Foundation awarded \$10,404.00 in financial aid to 22 students for the '03-'04 academic year.

As to other developments, the GTCSF's Board of Directors recently approved the planning of a multi-year endowment campaign, the first in the Foundation's 30 year history. Given the rising costs of higher education and given that the number of qualified scholarship recipients has doubled in the past ten years, the Directors determined that it is essential for the GTCSF to strengthen its financial base. Currently, the endowment's portfolio of investments is about \$50,000. An endowment campaign planning committee will begin its work later this year.

We are interested in recruiting volunteers. If you would like to know more about this campaign contact: John Meiklejohn at 357-6342.

bill lord
vice president
sales



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Tolland Weather



TOLLAND WEATHER

Prepared by Steve Strinie

Period: February 20 to March 20, 2004

Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level.

Temperature:	High - 58 degrees F. on March 3 at 2:00pm Low - 11 degrees F. on Feb. 25 at 5:00am
Humidity:	Maximum - 100% several times Minimum - 15% Feb.27 at 11:00am
Dewpoint:	Maximum - 51 degrees on March 7 at 4:00am Minimum - minus 6 degrees on Feb.27 at 2:00am
Barometric Pressure:	Maximum - 30.47" on March 15 at 7:00am Minimum - 29.51" on March 7 at 10:00am
Wind Speed:	42 mph North/Northwest on March 3 at 8:00pm
Wind Chill:	Minus 11 degrees on March 14 at 6:00am
Total Rain Fall	0.95 inches (+ -)
Total Snowfall	11 inches

Comments: Total snowfall thus far this season has been 64 inches.

Thinking of buying or selling a house or land?

contact
Bob Rahn
Park Square Realty
357-9090
bobrahn@bobrahn.com



44 Elm Street, Westfield, MA 01085

We have the hometown advantage!

I have buyers now for homes and land in Tolland.

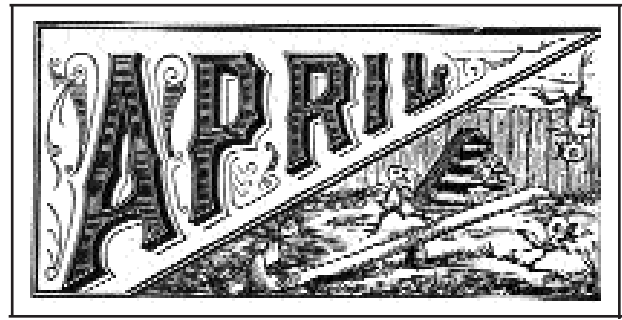
Please visit my website at www.bobrahn.com

Town Hall Offices Open Monday and
Tuesday from 8 - 4 pm

Town Clerk's and Assessor Clerk's hours:

10 am to 3pm and 6pm to 7pm
EVERY MONDAY

APRIL 2004



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOTICE: Building Inspector Hours: Winter Building Inspector Hours by appointment only. Mondays 5-5:30pm. Please call 258-4590 to set appointment.				1	2	3 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
Library Hours: Mon. 3:00pm - 8:30pm Thurs. 11:00am - 4:00pm Sat. 10:00am -12:00pm						
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